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MONTHLY REPORT

for

OCTOBER

1945

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Director.

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November 7,1945.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park for October 1945.

Weather Conditions. October was mild and dry over most parts of the Park. The first half of the month was featured by clear, warm days while occasional light rains and snows were recorded during the latter half. With the exception of October 22 and 23, all park roads were open all during the month. On that date the East and South Entrances were closed by snow. The Red Lodge-Cooke road reopened on October 5 and closed again on October 18.

The maximum temperature for the month was 73° on the 10th and the minimum temperature recorded was 10° on the 24th. Total precipitation was .47 inch as against .89 inch in October 1944. Normal precipitation for the month is 1.51 inches. There were 12 clear days, 12 partly cloudy, and 7 cloudy days.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers spent the entire month in the Park with the exception of two short trips; one to Livingston on October 25, with Assistant Superintendent Johnston to confer with Dr. G. A. Windsor on the medical contract for the Park; the other to Missoula, Montana, October 28, to November 1, to attend the Dude Ranchers Convention.

During October six Yellowstone employees who had been on active duty with the armed services returned to their old jobs. They were: Roger H. Miller, Foreman-Mechanic, returning to duty on October 1, after having served with the Navy Seabees since December 1942; Alice Dvarishkis, Clerk-Stenographer, returning to duty October 15, after having served with the SPARS since October 1944; Francis P. Moylanes, Property Clerk, returned October 12, having served with the Navy since February 1943; Frank H. Anderson, District Ranger, returned October 15, having served with the Navy since June 1943; Frank T. Hirst, Park Ranger, returned October 30, served with the Navy since January 1942; Lloyd W. Seasholtz, Foreman, Electrician, returned October 30, served with the Navy since February 1943.

The first business meeting for the local Federal Employees Union No. 465 for the winter season was held at the Canteen on October 1. Ernest K. Anderson was elected Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association was held on October 4. A special meeting was also held on October 17. Owing to the fact that Mr. Haynes wished to resign as Treasurer, the number of members of the Board was increased to eleven. New members are Mr. John G. Lovelace, of Bozeman, and Mrs. Marguerite L. Arnold of Mammoth. Mrs. Arnold was elected Treasurer and has taken over the duties of the office. The annual report has been prepared and submitted to the Director's Office and Region Two.

On October 7, an informal organ concert by the Van Cott brothers (LeRoy Van Cott, Accounting Clerk, and his brother Frank, music instructor at the Agricultural College, Cedar City, Utah) was enjoyed by all Yellowstone residents and people of neighboring towns, at the Mammoth chapel. The chapel was decorated with autumn flowers and leaves, and the selections ranged from the classics to folk music.

The Victory Loan Drive started on October 29, with the Park quota set for $13,000. Yellowstone exceeded its quota as a unit of Wyoming on the opening day of the drive. In a telegram from State Chairman Marble, we were informed that we were the first Wyoming unit and probably first in the nation to go over the top. We also received telegrams of congratulation for our fine showing from Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General, U.S. Army, Washington, D. C.; Ted R. Gamble, National Director War Finance Division, Washington, D.C.; Fred M. Vinson, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.; and A. S. Wilde, Executive Secretary, War Finance Committee for Wyoming, Cheyenne. On October 31 our first bond report was made showing $15,300 as against a quota of $13,000.

On October 31, we turned in $188.75 to Park County, Montana, as Yellowstone's contribution to the National War Fund. Assistant Superintendent Fred T. Johnston was Chairman of the Yellowstone committee.

Inspections. Olaus J. Murie, Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Jackson, Wyoming, in October 5; E. H. Cowan, Engineer, F.R.A., Denver, in October 6, out October 17, to show contractors preadvertised projects in Yellowstone and Wind River highways; Evelyn M. Kumor, former Clerk, now in the WAVES at Arlington, Virginia, in October 6 for a visit; A. R. Henry, Engineer, Glacier National Park in October 10, in connection with moving out of CPS side camp, out Oct. 12; Joseph K. Reeves, F.B.I. Agent, Denver, in October 11, to investigate Assistant Chief Ranger Evans in connection with his application for F.B.I. school; Superintendent and Mrs. John C. Preston, Mount Rainier National Park, in October 12 for a visit, out October 16; Chief Clerk and Mrs. Keith Neilson in on a visit October 20, enroute to Idaho, out October 21.

Plans, Maps, and Surveys. Data were collected for a report on the proposed new sewage disposal system for Lake. Work was done on a report on possible gravity system for Canyon. The roads and trails requirements were gone over with Engineer E. H. Cowan, of the Denver F.R.A. office.

General Publicity. On October 17 we mailed out annual travel report in the form of a press release to newspapers, chambers of commerce, and automobile clubs in the vicinity of Yellowstone and the states of Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana, also a few other clubs on our mailing list. On October 26 we sent out a press release informing the newspapers of the closing of all roads on the East side of the Park by a snowstorm and the discontinuance of informal overnight accommodations at Hamilton's Old Faithful store.

Maintenance. Much of the time was spent in setting snow fences and stakes and bracing buildings for snow load.

At the close of the month the Mammoth maintenance crew and the special crew at Madison were all the crews on road work, with a total of ten men.

On October 7, an informal organ concert by the Van Cott brothers (Johnny on Cord, Accounting Clerk, and Pete brother Frank, music instructor at the Agricultural College, Cedar City, Utah) was enjoyed by all Valiantians remaining and people of neighboring towns, at the Smooth chapel. The annual was decorated with autumn flowers and leaves, and the selection ranged from the classics to folk music.

The Victory Loan Drive started on October 20, with the usual quota set for $15,000. Valiantians exceeded the quota as a result of pledging on the opening day of the drive. In a telegram from Rento Ghairman Lavilla, we note internal that we were the first Spoking unit and probably first in the nation to go over the top. We also received telegrams of congratulation for our fine showing from Lorman T. Kirk, Bureau General, U.S. Army, Washington, D. C.; Fred K. Fleming, National Director War Finance Division, Washington, D.C.; Fred K. Fleming, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.; and A. S. Wilde, Executive Secretary, War Finance Committee for Wyoming, Cheyenne. On October 23 our first bond report was made showing $15,500 as equaling a quota of $15,000.

On October 23, we turned in $158.75 to Park County, Montana, as Valiantian's contribution to the National War Fund. Assistant Superintendent Fred T. Lehmann was Chairman of the Valiantian committee.

Inspections. Miss L. Norie, analyst, Miss Mildred Lupolo, Junior Accounting, in October 3; E. H. Cowan, Engineer, U.S.A., Owner, in October 6, and October 17, to show contractors preliminary plans in Valiantian and Lake River highway; Evelyn K. Hanor, Former Owner, was in the area as airplane flight, Virginia, in October 6 for a visit; A. K. Hardy, Engineer, Minister Aviation Corp. in October 10, in connection with moving out of U.S. side camp, and Mr. Hanor K. Leeson, F.B.I. Agent, Denver, in October 11, to investigate Anniversary Chief Burger Evans in connection with his application for V.S.I. medical support and Mrs. John G. Frasson, Money Raising Bulletin Corp., in October 12 for a visit, and October 16; Chief Clerk and Mrs. Ralph Reiner in on a visit October 20, enroute to Idaho, and October 21.

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Maintenance. Much of the time was spent in painting store fronts and trucks and erecting buildings for snow load.

At the close of the month the Smooth maintenance crew and the special crew at Indian were all hard at work, with a total of 5 men.

The special crew completed reconstruction of the old log bridge over Nez Perce Creek on the Fountain freight road. A new deck was also laid on the steel bridge over the Firehole River on this same road. Both structures were in very bad condition.

Most of the required patching of road surface was completed, except on the south approach road. Because of the labor shortage, we were unable to complete the work on this section.

Concessioners. Mr. W. M. Nichols, President, Yellowstone Park Company, was in the Park on October 8 and 24. Mr. C. A. Hamilton officially closed all his operations at Old Faithful on October 31, preparatory to leaving the Park for the winter. Mr. J. E. Haynes continued to operate his Mammoth Picture Shop all during October.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The late travel was exceptionally heavy and visitors were permitted to see the Mammoth musuem if they applied at the office for permission.

During October a number of field trips were made and shutters were put on the field exhibits at various points in the Park.

A list of former ranger-naturalists who served during 1941 has been examined for probable appointment next season. There are ten who have served in the military forces of the United States, and all of these will be given an opportunity to return. There are also nine former ranger-naturalists who gave very good service who will be given an opportunity to apply for work next season.

Several days were spent in the darkroom, and also several days in photographing in the field. Some of the recent pictures of the Mammoth Terraces are exceptionally beautiful, showing considerable amount of water coming from Jupiter Terrace and other spots on the Mammoth Terrace. These pictures were made on 16 mm. color movie film, and on K-135 Kodachrome.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Five thousand one hundred twenty-three motor vehicles entered the park during October as compared with 1,236 for the same month in 1944. This shows an increase of 3,887 or 314.5 per cent for the 1946 travel year.

Thirteen thousand nine hundred ten persons entered the Park in October as compared with 3,852 persons in October 1944. The travel year figures show an increase of 10,058, or 261.1 per cent.

Visitors. Cleveland Grant, professional lecturer and photographer, was in the Park to get some pictures on October 24; George Marler, former ranger-naturalist, visited in the Park for several days and selected some movie film which we are having duplicated for him. This he will use in lecturing before audiences in the eastern part of the United States.

Ranger Service. Open hunting seasons in areas adjacent to the Park required intensive patrols of practically all park boundaries. All patrol cabins were stocked with rations and placed in condition for winter use. Most of the horses were moved from the field stations to Lamar, but some were kept in the field for late boundary patrols.

The special area completed reconstruction of the old log bridge over Bear Creek on the Corrales freight road. A new deck was also laid on the canal bridge over the Rio Grande River on this same road. Both structures were in very bad condition.

Most of the regular patching of road surfaces was completed, except on the north approach road. Because of the labor shortage, we were unable to complete the work on this section.

Concessionaires. Mr. R. M. Nichols, Crystalene, Yellowstone Park Company, was in the park on October 8 and 9. Mr. O. A. Hamilton officially closed all his concessions at Old Faithful on October 31, necessary to leave the park for the winter. Mr. L. E. Hoyman continued to operate his Gamble Tourist Camp all during October.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The late travel was unexceptionally heavy and visitors were permitted to see the museum rooms if they applied at the offices for permission.

During October a number of field trips were made and lectures were given on the field exhibits at various points in the park.

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Several days were spent in the darkroom, and also several days in photographing in the field. Some of the recent pictures of the museum interior are exceptionally beautiful, showing considerable amount of color, for the Yellowstone and other exhibits on the museum interior. Slide exhibits were made on 8 mm. color movie film, and on 2-1/2 Kodachrome.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Park visitors use during twenty-three motor vehicles entered the park during October as compared with 1,252 for the same month in 1941. This shows an increase of 3,357 or 268.3 per cent for the 1941 travel year.

Thirteen thousand nine hundred ten persons entered the park by railroad as compared with 3,232 persons in October 1941. The travel year figures show an increase of 10,958, or 241.1 per cent.

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During late October, the uncertain condition of some park roads required that visitors be fully informed regarding travel conditions; so the checking stations were manned as many hours each day as available personnel would permit. One seasonal ranger remained until October [illegible].

All cooperative weather stations were serviced and supplies for winter operation were delivered to rangers and other observers.

As many of the short wave radio sets as could be spared from winter service were brought to Mammoth and stored at the electric shop where they will be changed and repaired during the winter.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. The fishing season for the park officially closed at sundown on October 15.

On October 30, the Mammoth District Ranger observed two buffaloes on Swan Lake Flat.

On October 22, we received instructions from the Director, dated October [illegible], 1945, to eliminate all developments at the Grizzly Bear Grounds at Canyon by the beginning of the 1946 season. These instructions were sent to us with Region Two memorandum of October 17.

Hunting conditions north and east of the park were poor since snowfall was light and the game animals generally remained widely scattered and no important migrations to the lower ranges occurred. The regular Montana and Idaho elk seasons opened on October 15. One cow moose was illegally killed in the Slough Creek area outside the park and a bull moose was killed illegally near West Yellowstone.

Forest Fire Protection. Studies of several possible lookout points have been made during the month and composite seen and unseen areas plotted from information obtained in the field by Park Ranger Aubrey L. Haines. Included in these studies were points in the Teton, Targhee, and Gallatin National Forests that affect the detection coverage of Yellowstone National Park, Teton National Park, and the Jackson Hole National Monument.

Trails. No trail work was accomplished during October except routine maintenance performed by rangers on patrol.

In compliance with instructions contained in the Road and Trails Manual, estimates for all horseback trails have been compiled for presentation to the Engineer's Office.

Building Fire Protection. A fire occurred at the Comfort Station at Old Faithful on October 3. The damage amounted to approximately $[illegible].

C.P.S. Activities. The CPS camp was closed on October 12, when the assignees returned to the main camp at Glacier National Park. The work accomplished during the month consisted of completing the sawing of 150 cords of wood at West Thumb stock pile, hauling wood to South Entrance, Old Faithful, West Yellowstone and Mammoth. Weather conditions caused some slow-down of work on the Purple Mountain trail and it was not completed.

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Accidents. Five automobile accidents were reported during the month. One accident involved a U. S. Army truck which overturned near the Chocolate Pots on the Norris-Madison road. No personal injuries resulted from the accident.

Miscellaneous. Robert J. Murphy, Park Ranger, and Alice R. Bigelow, Clerk-Stenographer, Chief Ranger's Office, were married in Livingston, Montana, at St. Mary's church, on October 29.

Francis P. Roylance, Property Clerk, and Viola Bushnell, of Salt Lake City, were married at Salt Lake on September 25, following Mr. Roylance's discharge from the Navy and before his return to duty in his old job at Yellowstone.

News was received of the death of Dr. John C. Merriam, on October 29, in Berkeley, California. Dr. Merriam, father of Regional Director Merriam, was one of the country's leading paleontologists and a long time friend of the National Park Service.

Fred T. Johnston,
Acting Superintendent.

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